

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1 after the title of the invention and before the "Technical Field":

--RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a national phase of PCT/JP2004/013566 filed on September 10, 2004, which claims priority from Japanese Application No. 2003-318012 filed on September 10, 2003, the disclosures of which Applications are incorporated by reference herein. The benefit of the filing and priority dates of the International and Japanese Applications is respectfully requested.--

The following paragraphs will replace all prior versions of them in the specification of the application.

1) On page 4, line 2, please amend the following paragraph as follows:

$$-2.2 < (r_{21}+r_{22})/(r_{21}-r_{22}) < -1.3 \quad (3)$$

$$\del{2.1} \quad \underline{-2.1} < (r_{31}+r_{32})/(r_{31}-r_{32}) < -1.7 \quad (4)$$

here,

fd is a composite focal length of an entire imaging lens system to d-line (mm),

f2d is a focal length of the second lens element to the d-line (mm),

f3d is a focal length of the third lens element to the d-line (mm),

r₂₁ is a radius of curvature of an object side surface of the second lens element (mm),

r_{22} is a radius of curvature of an image side surface of the second lens element (mm),

r_{31} is a radius of curvature of an object side surface of the third lens element (mm), and

r_{32} is a radius of curvature of an image side surface of the third lens element (mm).

2) On page 11, line 22, please amend the following paragraph as follows:

Here,

ωd is a half view angle of the entire lens system to the d-line (unit: in degrees), and

T is an entire length between the object side surface r_{11} of the first lens element L1 and the image plane ~~106~~ 105 (mm).

3) On page 14, line 1, please amend the following paragraph as follows:

The above conditional expression (7) indicates the power of the first lens element L1 with respect to the power of the entire lens system. When the lower limit of the expression is exceeded, a position of paraxial exit pupil for the entire lens system becomes excessively close to an image side, whereby an incident angle of an off-axial principal ray onto the image plane 105 cannot be reduced. When the upper limit thereof is exceeded, the amount of aberration occurrence in a single lens corresponding to the first lens element L1 becomes excessively large, and simultaneously, the tilt angle of a surface in the

neighborhood of an effective diameter of the image side surface r_{12} of the first lens element L1 becomes excessively large, thereby causing difficulties in manufacturing thereof. In consideration of the lens manufacturing, more preferably, it is preferable that the tilt angle of a surface θ_{12} in the neighborhood of the effective diameter of the image side surface r_{12} of the first lens element L1 satisfies the following conditional expression (14).

4) On page 16, line 23, please amend the following paragraph as follows:

Also, it is preferable that the first lens element L1 satisfies the following conditional expression (11) in order for the chromatic aberration as a whole to be favorably compensated.

4) On page 17, line 19, please amend the following paragraph as follows:

Therefore, more preferably, it is preferable that the maximum incident angle of the off-axial principal ray onto the image plane 105 (θ_{\max}) satisfies the following conditional expression (12).

5) On page 29, Table 10, please amend as follows:

Table 10 for numerical values of conditional expressions

	Example 1	Example 2	Example 3	Example 4	Example 5	Example 6	Example 7	Example 8	Example 9
	fd	5.013	5.026	4.999	4.995	5.038	5.174	4.500	3.780
	f1d	2.574	2.574	2.574	2.589	2.593	2.799	2.489	2.491
	f2d	-2.309	-2.327	-2.328	-2.279	-2.260	-2.547	-2.347	-2.188
	f3d	5.413	5.502	5.465	5.104	5.110	5.576	4.995	3.500
Conditional expression (1)	fd/f2d	2.170	2.160	2.148	2.192	2.229	2.032	1.917	1.728
Conditional expression (2)	fd/f3d	0.926	0.914	0.915	0.979	0.986	0.928	0.901	1.080
Conditional expression (3)	$(r21 + r22) / (r21 - r22)$	-1.536	-1.536	-1.536	-1.527	-1.506	-1.734	-1.781	-2.108
Conditional expression (4)	$(r31 + r32) / (r31 - r32)$	-2.019	-2.030	-2.039	-1.776	-1.739	-1.930	-2.063	-1.749
Conditional expression (5)	$2 * \omega d$	66.926	67.538	67.230	67.222	66.840	66.054	63.506	62.084
Conditional expression (6)	T/fd	1.409	1.410	1.418	1.415	1.406	1.440	1.474	1.399
Conditional expression (7)	fd/f1d	1.947	1.953	1.942	1.930	1.943	1.848	1.808	1.518
Conditional expression (8)	$(r11 + r12) / (r11 - r12)$	0.403	0.403	0.403	0.427	0.399	0.469	0.560	0.370
Conditional expression (9)	V2d	30.900	30.900	30.900	30.900	30.900	30.900	30.900	30.900
Conditional expression (10)	V3d	55.800	55.800	55.800	55.800	55.800	55.800	55.800	55.800
	T	7.063	7.086	7.088	7.067	7.084	7.450	6.632	5.288